

Eighty buried alive, five die in India

NEW DELHI, May 24 (R)—Eighty people were buried alive, at least five were found dead and 55 admitted to hospital with injuries when a multi-storey factory building collapsed near Mysore in southern India today, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported, quoting official sources. The building was under construction and most of the casualties were construction workers. Earlier reports said about 100 people were feared killed. The building collapsed this afternoon shortly after about 150 workers finished lunch, PTI said. Several cranes were brought in to remove the debris to reach the trapped workers.

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Bani-Sadr nominates Habibi as PM

TEHRAN, May 24 (R)—President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr indicated tonight that he planned to nominate Mr. Hassan Habibi, spokesman of the ruling Revolutionary Council, as Iran's new prime minister. He told a radio interviewer that he had decided on his choice for prime minister, and would present his candidate in three weeks to the newly elected parliament, which has to vote on the appointment. If nominated and approved, Mr. Habibi would be the first prime minister since Dr. Mehdi Bazargan resigned along with his provisional cabinet last Nov. 6.

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To mediate American hostages release Kreisky to lead European socialist mission to Iran

VIENNA, May 24 (R)—Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky will lead a European socialist mission to Iran tomorrow, it was announced here tonight. He

will be the first western government leader to visit Tehran since 53 hostages were seized at the U.S. embassy there last November.

Dr. Kreisky, who said the visit would be "purely informational," will be accompanied by Swedish opposition leader Olof Palme and Spanish Socialist Party leader Felipe Gonzalez.

An Austrian government spokesman said the Socialist International, which groups social democratic parties from 68 countries, believed the time had come to seek the views of responsible people in Iran. But he said the visit was aimed at securing information and was not a mediation mission.

Before leaving Stockholm for Vienna tonight, Mr. Palme said the three hoped to meet President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr. "It is, however, very uncertain as to whether we shall meet him and I do not want to say what we shall talk about," he told the Swedish News Agency.

Austrian sources said the Socialist International believed it was important to establish early contact with the newly-elected Iranian parliament, which holds its first session on Wednesday.

Mr. Palme said the length of the visit to Iran would depend on whether they could meet President Bani-Sadr and how any possible discussions developed.

Mr. Gonzalez flew to Vienna for talks with the Austrian government leader after telling reporters in Madrid: "There is no certainty yet about what is going to be done."

Before leaving Madrid, Mr. Gonzalez, whose visit to Tehran was announced yesterday, said the trip might be delayed.

The purpose of the visit was unclear, but diplomats said it appeared to be an attempt by socialist leaders to open up a new line of communication between left-wing Europeans and neutrals with the Iranian authorities.

Dr. Kreisky, 69, is vice-president of the Socialist International. It includes the West German, French and Scandinavian socialists and Britain's Labour Party.

In an interview with a Vienna newspaper, Dr. Kreisky said

Daoudy and give him every assistance in completing the commission's long-delayed report which is on the alleged crimes of the deposed Shah.

The spokesman also said the foreign ministry would make no comment on today's condemnation of Iran by the World Court for its continued holding of 53 American hostages until Iran was officially notified of the court's findings.

The court's ruling could only be implemented with the authority of the U.N. Security Council, where the Soviet Union used its veto in January to block economic sanctions against Iran over the hostage crisis.

Sources close to Mr. Qotbzadeh said he wanted the U.N. commission to publish its report and believed it would help ease the tension between Iran and the United States.

But Mr. Qotbzadeh did not want the panel to mediate in the hostage conflict and stressed that the Iranian parliament, which will be officially inaugurated tomorrow, would decide the hostages' fate, the sources said.

The commission left Iran after failing to visit the embassy hostages and U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said at the time their report would not be issued until they had completed that part of their mission.

Iranian officials also reacted unenthusiastically to reports from Madrid and Vienna of the mediation bid by the European socialist leaders.

Commenting on the reports that Mr. Gonzalez, Dr. Kreisky and Mr. Palme were planning talks on the crisis and possible visits to Tehran, a foreign ministry official told the state radio: "This is purely an expression of their personal views."

"There has been no change in Iran's position regarding a solution to the crisis. The decision rests with parliament," he added.

Informed sources said Iran would not welcome the mediation move but would appreciate a socialist pledge to help safeguard Iranian independence and neutrality.

case against Iran.

"We call upon the government of Iran to comply with the court's judgment to fulfil Iran's solemn undertakings pursuant to the United Nations Charter so that it may then be free to pursue its international interests as a law-abiding member of the international community entitled to the respect and cooperation of other nations."

Sir Humphrey stressed the court's concern at the rescue operation which ended with the deaths of eight troops in an aircraft collision. He said the U.S. government might have had understandable preoccupations about the well-being of the hostages and felt frustration at the failure of diplomatic efforts to obtain their release.

Sir Humphrey noted that the abortive raid had been carried out while the court was deliberating its ruling following public hearings which ended on March 20. He added that chamber had also told both Iran and the U.S. in its interim judgment in December, not to do anything which would inflame tensions between them.

"The court feels bound to observe that an operation undertaken in these circumstances, from whatever motive, is of a kind calculated to undermine respect for the judicial process in international law," he commented.

In Washington, the State Department said in a statement: "We are deeply gratified by the favourable decision of the International Court of Justice in our

affair could not be treated separately from what it called a quarter-century of U.S. meddling in Iran's domestic affairs.

The U.S. representative in court, deputy State Department legal adviser Stephen M. Schwebel, described the judgment as a first-class decision.

The 15 judges unanimously reiterated their interim order to Iran last December to free the hostages immediately and allow them to return to the U.S., and to restore to American control the embassy and two consulates in Tabriz and Shiraz.

They unanimously instructed Iran not to put on trial any U.S. diplomat or consular official, or force any of them to give evidence to any tribunal investigating so-called American crimes against Iran.

The court did not rule on another U.S. demand that Iranian authorities should put on trial the radicals who took over the embassy. It said that a 1973 international convention on the punishment of protected persons, cited by the U.S., did not provide a basis for its jurisdiction.

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Jordan today celebrates Independence, Army Day

AMMAN, May 24 (JT)—Jordan Sunday celebrates Independence and Army Day. On this occasion all government departments and public institutions will be closed.

On Saturday, the armed forces staged a military exercise described by a high-ranking army officer as "the first of its kind in Jordan." He said formations participating in the exercise included a formation of conscripts, who "proved, during the manoeuvre a high degree of assimilation, excellent skills in

handling modern weapons, fast movement and working as a team," the officer said.

Journalists, who were invited to witness the exercise, visited a number of army positions.

In the evening, a fireworks display was held in several places in Amman.

A variety show, open to the public, will be held at the Palace of Culture at 5.30 p.m. Sunday.

Regional Briefs

RABAT, May 24 (R)—Moroccan voters have overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment to allow King Hassan's successor to ascend the throne at the age of 16, the interior ministry said today. The ministry said 99.71 per cent of the Moroccan voters who voted approved the amendment in a referendum held on 23 May.

Adoption of the amendment means that King Hassan's 16-year-old son, Crown Prince Sidi Mohammad, is now eligible to ascend the throne if it is vacated by his father. The amendment was supported by the three parties in the ruling coalition, while the communist "Parti du Progres et du Socialisme" (PPSS) strongly opposed it, saying the throne should be occupied by a mature candidate.

SIDON, Lebanon, May 24 (R)—Lebanese Finance Minister Ali Al Khalil led a mass funeral march through Sidon today for three people killed by rightist militia shelling yesterday. Five people were killed and 11 wounded when the Israeli-based militia of former army major Saad Haddad fired two shells into the city. The centre yesterday. Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss blamed the militia for the shelling. Thousands of people joined the funeral march through the southern Lebanese port city as Israeli warplanes continued to make daily reconnaissance flights over the city and other coastal areas.

DAMASCUS, May 24 (R)—A British archaeological team has unearthed a number of items in the northern province of Aleppo dating from the Sumerian and Akkadian era, the official Syrian News Agency (SANA) reported yesterday. It quoted Mr. Wahid Khayyat, director of antiquities and museums in the northern region, as saying the discovery took place during excavations undertaken by the expedition in the Tel Brak area. He gave no date for the finding or shed light on the items unearthed. Mr. Khayyat said the team would continue its excavations in the site which "illustrates the stages of civilisation through which the area passed over its long history." The Sumerians and Akkadians inhabited ancient Babylonia round the year 4000 B.C. and are said to have found Babylonian culture and religion.

KHARTOUM, May 24 (R)—Ethiopian head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam arrived today for a five-day official visit to Sudan amid tight security precautions. Large numbers of Sudanese soldiers were at Khartoum airport. Troops and security forces already had searched several parts of the capital for illegally held weapons. Lt. Col. Mengistu made no arrival statement. Both he and host President Jafar Numeiri were scheduled to speak on radio and television tonight. Col. Mengistu, in the Sudan for the 11th anniversary of President Numeiri's accession to power, flew in after ministerial delegations from the two countries had prepared the ground for a reconciliation between Addis Ababa and Khartoum. Their relations have been soured by the Eritrean war.

DACCA, May 24 (AP)—Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Prince Faisal, will pay a three-day official visit to Bangladesh beginning May 31. Foreign Minister Mohammad Shamsul Haq told reporters on his return from Islamabad, where he attended the Islamic foreign ministers conference. He also said he had talks with Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh in Islamabad, and he expressed interest in an airline between Tehran and Dacca. He told reporters the Islamic conference ended with "concrete proposals" to overcome the problems facing the Islamic world. He said the conference met at a "very crucial time" for the Islamic countries in the wake of the Afghanistan situation, the Iran-U.S. relations and the Middle East problems.

TEHRAN, May 24 (R)—A prominent interrogator for Iran's revolutionary court, Mr. Abbas Tehrani, was shot dead yesterday at his home in Tehran, a court spokesman said today. The spokesman said a friend of Mr. Tehrani, who was in the house at the time being questioned. Investigators had not ruled out suicide, he added. The newspaper Kayhan said Mr. Tehrani had been shot three times. Mr. Tehrani recently was involved in questioning singers, actors and other artists whose performances were considered not Islamic. He was a former political prisoner of the Shah.

TEHRAN, May 24 (R)—Revolutionary Guards under the command of roving Islamic judge Sadeq Khalkhali today raided a drug dealers' hideout in Hamadan, southwest of here, and arrested 32 people, the official Pars News Agency said. It added that Ayatollah Khalkhali donned military uniform to lead the 150-strong strike force in the first operation of its kind since he was appointed Iran's anti-paroic supreme earlier this month. The clericman has ordered the execution of 29 people in the past week on charges of dealing in heroin. Pars said 300 kilos of the drug as well as some arms and ammunition were captured in today's raid.

BAHRAIN, May 24 (R)—Saudi Arabia's heir-apparent and first deputy premier, Prince Fahd bin Abdul Aziz, will begin a tour of Morocco and Algeria tomorrow, the official Saudi Press Agency said today.

Fahd warns: intervention in Gulf can expand to war

KUWAIT, May 24 (R)—Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia warned in an interview published today that foreign intervention in the Gulf could spark a world war.

"Our aim is to keep dangers from outside at a distance and to protect the region from any foreign intervention which might invite foreign counter-intervention," Prince Fahd told the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Rai Al Aam.

He said if this happened, "the whole region would become a battlefield of international conflict, the furnace of a war which if it began in the area would definitely and quickly expand into a terrible world war."

Saudi Arabia and other Gulf governments greeted as unwarranted interference U.S. promises to protect the region following the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Asked if Saudi Arabia would cut off oil supplies to the United States to force a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, Prince Fahd said the kingdom always aimed for dialogue with other countries.

"We want the whole world to recognise our sincere desire to establish its security and stability and to protect the oil consuming countries from economic disturbances which might rebound on the entire world," he said.

But the crown prince added: "If the international community is unable to understand our good intentions, this might force us to use all the weapons we are able to employ. In that case we shall sacrifice blood, which is more expensive than oil."

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, is adamant that any solution to the Middle East conflict must include the return of East Jerusalem, occupied by Israel in 1967, as well as recognition of Palestinian rights. But Israel has consistently rejected Arab claims to the city, site of Islam's third holiest shrine.

Latest Israeli political crisis Weizman warns: austerity undermines military might

TEL AVIV, May 24 (AP)—Defence Minister Ezer Weizman says government austerity plans undermine Israel's military strength, and has threatened to quit if his budget is cut.

The latest political crisis comes to a head at Sunday's cabinet meeting, when the ministers are to decide on new anti-inflation measures. Even if Mr. Weizman stays on—he has threatened more than half a dozen times to resign—the scars of the vituperative dispute will remain on the fractious cabinet, making decisions on crucial issues like Palestinian autonomy and West Bank policies that much more difficult.

At issue, say defence ministry officials, is Israel's ability to face Arab armies if war should break out. With this year's deficit of about \$4 billion, "we have to face the threat," the ministry's director-general Yosef Maayan said in a radio interview. "In some areas, we have already crossed the red line."

The military has cut back in reserve call-ups, ammunition and fuel for exercises, and development plans to stay within the budget, Mr. Maayan said. The chief of staff has even ordered soldiers to collect empty shell cases after shooting, for refilling.

Nonetheless, Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz, in his search for areas to cut government spending, has cast his eyes on the hefty defence outlay, about a third of the total national budget. Spurred

by April's staggering 10.2 per cent lead in the cost of living index, Mr. Hurvitz declared a freeze in all new government contracts until the cabinet decided on new cuts.

Mr. Weizman defiantly declared to Israeli reporters that if his budget was touched, "I cannot be responsible for Israel's defence," and proceeded to approve new development contracts worth 350 million Israeli pounds (about \$8.75 million at current exchange rates). His action, seen as open revolt against a cabinet-backed decision, set off a blast of new calls for resignation.

At a meeting of Mr. Weizman's Herut Party on Thursday, speaker after speaker rose to deliver blistering attacks on the defence minister. Even Prime Minister Menachem Begin did not defend his number two man, but only asked the attacks be tempered since Mr. Weizman himself was not at the meeting.

Mr. Weizman's opponents were not the only ones urging him to resign. Israeli newspapers reported that many of the minister's supporters and aides feel it is time for him to pack up. Mr. Weizman is a leading moderate who has voted against Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank and supported concessions in negotiations with Egypt. But he has found himself increasingly isolated in Mr. Begin's hawkish cabinet.

Public opinion polls show Mr.

Weizman as the most popular minister in an unpopular government, so many politicians see him as an asset. But his union with the right-wing cabinet has been rocky in the best of times.


He set off a storm last month by declaring he favoured an advance of national elections scheduled in another year and a half. His sharp tongue and short temper have angered many of his cabinet colleagues, not least of all Mr. Begin himself. When the prime minister was seriously ill after a heart attack early in his term, news reports said Mr. Weizman once angrily referred to him among friends as "the deceased."

Under the patronage of the Minister of Culture and Youth The Department of Culture and Arts Fine Arts Centre

presents the centre's annual exhibition of painting and photography sculpture ceramics * engraving and printing at 5 p.m. Monday, May 26, 1980 at the Art Gallery in the ministry's building (Shmelsani)

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Jordan accepts invitation to join Moscow Olympics

AMMAN, May 24 (JT)—Jordan announced today that it will take part in the Olympic Games to be held in Moscow this summer.

Minister of Culture and Youth Taher Hikmat, who is also chairman of the National Olympic Committee, has sent a cable to the International Olympic Committee advising it of Jordan's decision.

The 22nd Olympiad of modern times will mark Jordan's debut in the games. It is sending a small-bore rifle shooting team composed of Army sharpshooters.

Jordan took part in the Moscow Spartakiad and placed seventh in the world's rifle shooting championship in South Korea, both held last year.

Jordan would also have been sending its soccer team to Moscow, but it lost in the preliminary

Olympic qualifying round—the Asia Group One Playoff—which Kuwait won March 15.

Jordan began considering entering the Olympics last year, when a delegation came from the USSR to ask Jordan to participate. The then Minister of Culture and

‘Death of a Princess’ banned

AMMAN, May 24 (JT) — Jordan has banned ‘Death of a Princess’, British-made television film that strained Britain's relations with Saudi Arabia.

Director of Press and Publications Ahmad Al-Utsum told the local press this weekend that the film distorts Arab traditions and Islamic values and slanders the Saudi royal family.

The film depicts the execution of Princess Mish'al because of an alleged adulterous love affair with

YOUTH, Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf, initially agreed to Jordan's being represented as observers. Later it was agreed that the country could send teams as competitors in rifle shooting, and in soccer, if its newly formed football team won the Asia Group One playoff.

a commoner, who was beheaded.

The film's screening in Britain last month drove the Saudi government to expell the British ambassador.

The ban, which Mr. Utsum said has already gone into effect, applies to the screening of the film in cinemas as well as to the entry of videotape copies of it into Jordan.



AMMAN, May 24 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein today expressed satisfaction with the ties of friendship between the British and Jordanian peoples. In a meeting at the Royal Court with the visiting delegation from the British House of Commons, King Hussein also welcomed the initiative of the EEC group towards the establishment of

a Middle East settlement and spoke of the interests of the European and Arab nations. The delegation had earlier met with His Majesty Crown Prince Hassan at his office, in Amman. Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Talhouni, who this evening hosted them at

Nurturing the gains

JORDAN'S celebration of Independence and Army Day is an annual occasion for pausing to give thanks for the fruits of this country's achievement of independence and to rededicate ourselves to its preservation.

This year, as never before in recent history, the occasion is especially significant, as the entire Middle East region of which we are a part is confronted with new threats to the independence and security of its component nations and resources. At the same time, in the occupied West Bank of Jordan, the Palestinian people are escalating their resistance to designs hatched outside the region to deprive them perpetually of their right to independence in a state of their own.

Jordan's gains since independence, in political and social development, in economic progress and in the enhancement of national security, have bestowed on this land a stability and prosperity that is the envy of our neighbours. One of the hallmarks of our current national development is the increasing self-sufficiency which is being realised in so many areas of national life.

Yet, as a small country with few natural resources, we cannot claim to be totally independent in all spheres of economic development; indeed, with 70,000 skilled Jordanian nationals working abroad, mostly in the oil-producing Arab states, we have to some extent recently been making a great contribution to the economic development of those countries, sometimes at our own expense -- in terms of manpower resources. Likewise, we as much as any other country must hasten the search for indigenous energy resources to free ourselves once and for all from the onerous burden of expensive imported oil. Fortunately, there are positive signs, both of the possible existence of some oil deposits and of the prospects for shale oil or oil sand recovery.

Apart from speeding the total ‘Jordanisation’ of economic development activities -- which requires, first and foremost, the mobilisation of our manpower and womanpower resources -- Jordan must contend with the ever-present threat posed by the Israeli occupation and aggression against the Arab homeland.

The wise and tireless leadership of His Majesty King Hussein, the constant vigilance of the Jordanian armed forces and the steadfastness of the entire Jordanian and Palestinian peoples have made it possible for us to assume our unequal share of this fateful responsibility.

Today, as threats to the sovereignty and security of all the smaller nations of the world, particularly of the Middle East, multiply, we are being actively assisted in maintaining our steadfastness by the solidarity of the Arab and Islamic peoples. But, at the same time, we must be ever more aware that the struggle is ultimately our own and no one else's. The gains of independence, once won, must be constantly protected and nurtured and enhanced. That is what Jordan is so single-mindedly engaged in today.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: With unspeakable arrogance, displaying his disdain for the United Nations and his determination to continue uprooting the Palestinian people from their land, Israeli Premier Menachem Begin has rejected the call from U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to heed the voice of the Security Council and let the mayors of Hebron and Halhoul and Hebron's chief qadi return to their homeland.

We wonder about the U.S. attitude towards this affront, especially seeing that it spares no effort in reminding allies and the rest of the world of the significance and necessity of respecting the will of the international community concerning the Iranian hostage crisis and the Afghanistan problem.

Such respect is a prerequisite for stability and peace; and the U.S. government should remember that it is also committed to obey international law in all issues, including those of the Middle East crisis and Jerusalem, and to respect the Security Council resolution calling for the return of the three who were expelled from their homeland. This means that respect for the world's will is indivisible: it cannot be applied in certain cases and neglected in others.

Will America repeat its previous mistakes, and overlook the Israeli defiance of the latest resolution? AL DUSTOUR: The unannounced decision of President Sadat's government to freeze the local autonomy negotiations until after the American presidential elections in November is a desperate attempt to cover up their failure—which is the beginning of the end of his submissive flirtation with Israel.

Israel is going ahead with its settlement plans, which ignore the rights of the Palestinian people and are antagonistic to the Arab Nation. It has no regard for any dates set by President Sadat. The election of a new American president—or President Carter's re-election—will not change the Israeli attitude. Mr. Carter's failure to put pressure on Israel, and his known position with regard to the Palestinian cause, will not change, while the other two presidential candidates, Mr. Ronald Reagan and Sen. Edward Kennedy, express more extreme positions than President Carter with regard to support for Israel and its expansionist policy.

The postponement of the negotiations will leave a dangerous political vacuum in the region, because it will hinder any international effort, such as the European one. It will also threaten the Arab region with a severe explosion that may have far-reaching effects.

The Egyptian prime minister has admitted the impossibility of solving the basic issues—according to Egypt's and Israel's understanding of local autonomy—and, in the light of these facts, who knows whether it will be of any help to wait until the end of the American elections?

Jordan asks ILO condemnation of Israel's settlements policy

GENEVA, May 24 (R) — Jordan asked the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to condemn Israeli settlements in occupied Arab territories and to demand their immediate dissolution in a draft resolution published here yesterday.

The draft, to be submitted to the 142-member ILO's annual conference opening here next month, also called on member states to stop giving help to Israel that might support its settlement policy, and asked the organisation to assist Arabs in countering the effects of this policy and of Israeli

occupation.

The draft is one of 16 proposed resolutions to be examined by the conference's resolutions committee, which usually selects five for priority consideration by the assembly.

In a note attached to the draft text, ILO Director General Francis Blanchard said that ILO missions to occupied Arab territories, while critical of Israeli settlement policies, had not yet had an opportunity to examine in depth their effect on development and employment prospects for local Arab populations.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Poster and Painting Exhibition

The Jordanian Artists' Association presents an exhibition of posters and paintings about Palestine at the Artists' Association Exhibition Hall, across the street from the French Cultural Centre in Jabal Luweibdeh. The exhibition is open 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. and will end on Sunday.

Photography Exhibition

An exhibition of photography of Jordan sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities in cooperation with the French Cultural Centre and Air France is open during office hours at the French Centre.

Academic Fair

Class projects in the arts and sciences, nursery school through tenth grade are being displayed at an academic fair at the American Community School's multi-purpose room, near the Royal Automobile Club at the Fifth Circle, Jabal Amman. The exhibition is open to the public during school hours.

Arts and Crafts Exhibition

The Ministry of Social Development, in collaboration with the Queen Alia Society for hearing impaired children, present an exhibition of arts and crafts by the students of the Queen Alia Centre. The exhibition is open 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m. at the Haya Arts Centre in Shmeisani.

Exhibition

The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Faculty of Science of the University of Jordan (Department of Physics), presents an exhibition entitled ‘The Utilisation of Solar Energy: A task for the Future’. The exhibition, organised by the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations in Stuttgart, opens daily at 10 a.m. at the Institute.

History Lecture

The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Friends of Archaeology, presents a lecture by Swedish scholar Lars Wahlén, who will talk about the use of land between Salt and the Zarqa River during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Dr. Wahlén has been studying human geography in Jordan. The lecture will be given on Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Arts Exhibition

The Fine Arts Centre of the Department of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of drawings, paintings, sculpture, ceramics and prints, under the patronage of the minister of culture and youth. The exhibition will be on display at the ministry's art gallery in Shmeisani starting Monday. Visiting hours are 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. The exhibition will continue until May 31.

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Local News Briefs

AMMAN, May 24 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein today sent a cable of congratulations to Sudan's President Mohammed Ja'far Numeiri on the anniversary of Sudan's May 25th revolution. King Hussein wished President Numeiri success and that the Sudanese people fulfill their aspirations to progress and prosperity. King Hussein also sent a cable of good wishes to the Argentinian president on the occasion of his country's independence day. The King expressed the hope that Jordanian-Argentinian friendly relations might be further consolidated.

AMMAN, May 24 (JNA) — Her Majesty Queen Noor received in her office this afternoon the president and members of the Jordanian Physiotherapists' society. The therapists briefed the Queen on the society's programmes and goals.

AMMAN, May 24 (JNA) — Conditions in Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan and plans by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to cut back on its services were discussed at a meeting here today between Minister of Reconstruction and Development Omar Nabulsi and representatives of refugee camps. At the meeting, attended by the under-secretary of the ministry, representatives of the Marka, Hussein, and Wahdat refugee camps told the minister about the health, education and social services extended to the refugees. They expressed their apprehension at UNRWA's intention to stop providing educational services for their children and called on the government to improve living conditions in the camps, which have become overcrowded.

AMMAN, May 24 (JT) — The executive council of the Arab League Organisation of Administrative Sciences opened a five-day meeting here today. The organisation's Director General, Mr. Abdullah Zuhbi speaking at the outset of the opening session, outlined the achievements of the organisation in the past year and the difficulties it faced due to the freezing of Egypt's assets and documents after its expulsion from the Arab League. He also expressed gratitude to the Jordanian government for hosting the organisation's headquarters in Amman and the help Jordan has extended in the relocation from Cairo. Representatives of all Arab states except Egypt are taking part in the meeting, at which a number of subjects pertaining to cooperation among Arab states in administrative sciences and the improvement of their administrative staff will be discussed.

AMMAN, May 24 (JNA) — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem returned to Amman today after attending the Islamic foreign ministers' conference in Islamabad. He said the conference gave serious consideration to the problems of Jerusalem and Palestine. It also approved three draft resolutions submitted by Jordan. These dealt with the case of the three Palestinian leaders who were recently deported from the occupied West Bank, the transfer of the World Health Organisation's regional office from Alexandria to Amman and Israel's recent moves towards the annexation of Arab Jerusalem. The Jordanian delegation submitted to the conference a documented working paper that underlines Arab and Muslim rights in the holy city. Mr. Qasem said. He added that the conference also condemned the Camp David agreements and the so-called ‘autonomy’ scheme for the occupied Arab territories. Mr. Qasem was accompanied by a four-member delegation.

AMMAN, May 24 (JT) — A total of 300 housing units will be handed over to farmers in the northern Jordan Valley by the Jordan Valley Authority tomorrow, a report in Al Ra'i newspaper said today. It said the units are located in the villages of Waqqa, Qul'at, northern Shuneh, Tal Arbi'n, Kraymeh, Wadi Al Yubis and Manshiyeh.

AMMAN, May 24 (JT) — Al Ra'i newspaper reported today that Syrian Prime Minister Abdul Rauf Al Kasm will pay an official visit to Jordan in the first half of June. It said he will discuss with Jordanian government officials subjects related to promoting cooperation between Jordan and Syria. During his stay here Dr. Kasm will co-chair meetings of the Jordanian-Syrian Higher Joint Committee.

AMMAN, May 24 (JT) — The Industrial Development Bank granted loans totalling JD 3.197 million in the first quarter of 1980 to Jordanian businesses. A bank spokesman said the loans will help in financing projects with a total cost of JD 7.7 million. The projects in Amman, Madaba, Na'ur, Zarqa, Jerash, Baqa'a, Abu Alanda, Irbid

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Jordan doubles contribution to UNICEF

Special to the Jordan Times
UNITED NATIONS, May 24 -- Jordan has decided to double its contribution to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) from \$16,500 in 1979 to \$33,000 in 1980. The pledge was made by a member of Jordan's U.N. delegation, Mr. George Shamma, in a special UNICEF session this week.

My delegation is disturbed to find that some rich nations shy away from contributing more to alleviate suffering, especially for children," Mr. Shamma told the session.

He also voiced concern about the fact that UNICEF planned to continue its programmes in Jordan after 1981, and requested a response from Mr. James Grant, executive director of UNICEF.

The Jordanian government's recent social development objectives include adoption of a family planning programme, increasing community participation in employment planning and adopting national policies in education through curriculum revision and teacher training.

Mr. Grant, in a report prepared by the United Nations Economic and Social Council in March 1980, said that UNICEF programme for Jordan described as being divided into the following areas:

Area-based services: Besides continuing assistance to sectoral services in health, education and child welfare, UNICEF will continue to support area-based services, which involve health, training of staff and extension activities, emphasizing community participation. Subject to availability of funds, a water supply project for the 14,000 inhabitants of the Kiteh area will be subsidised.

Child health: UNICEF will be involved in the immunisation of 10,000 still unvaccinated children, and of 80,000 infants annually. It will also work on extending health services to deprived areas in central and southern Jordan and on upgrading existing

services and establishing two new secondary school nursing classes in Tafila and Aqaba to train some 40 assistant nurses. In addition UNICEF will help provide education for mothers and girls in child health.

Nutrition: The results of a United Nations survey on health and nutrition habits of children will be used in introducing health and nutrition education.

Education: UNICEF will continue to fund a consultant for the "life-oriented education" programme to assist Ministry of Education in revising curricula, conducting refresher training courses for teachers and specifying supplies and equipment needed for school workshops. Support will also be designated for two new school health units in Zarqa and Ramtha, which will provide health services to 12,000 primary school students.

Social development services: In-service training of 350 social welfare personnel by the Jordan Institute of Social Work will be supported, as will upgrading of child care services in central and southern regions through establishment of 10 children's clubs, four playgrounds and 30 day care centres affiliated with schools and factories for children of working women.

"The Jordan delegation believes that the most important investment man can make is an investment in the human element," Mr. Shamma said -- whether the child, youth or the elderly, because this is the most important and precious of natural resources. An investment in children anywhere is an investment in the well-being of mankind."

In his speech Mr. Shamma thanked UNICEF for its work to "alleviate the misery and hardship of the Kampuchean people." He also expressed the gratitude of the Jordanian government to the Canadian delegation for Canada's help in financing the water supply network in the northern village of Jordan.

Visitors view progress of Zarqa Ma'in spa project



Artist's impression of how the Zarqa Ma'in valley will be developed, with the less expensive facilities centred at the eastern end (right hand side), middle income facilities in the central Shalal area and the high income hotel and clinic at the western end (extreme left).

By Sara O'Neil
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

ZARQA MA'IN, May 24 -- The deep narrow gorge and towering cliffs of this resort, 26 kilometres south of Madaba -- and just five miles inland from the Dead Sea -- set the scene on Friday for a gathering of cabinet members, bankers, Ministry of Tourism planners, hoteliers and businessmen.

Here, at a working lunch hosted by a member of Ma'in's largest family, Mr. Lami Haddadin, a businessman with shares in the Zarqa Ma'in Spa Complex company set up last year to fund the building and operation of the Middle East's first health spa at the site, the visitors were briefed on progress of the project, which was initiated by the Ministry of Tourism in the mid 1970s.

Nearly three quarters of the shares of the company (which is to have a capital of JD 2.5 million) are owned by the government (which has 41 per cent), four Jor-

dian banks (five per cent each) and private investors (chiefly businessmen from the area). It should be only a matter of a few months before the remaining JD 635,000 worth of shares are sold.

Once the company's board of directors has been elected -- three representing the government, one each from the banks and two from the private sector -- tenders can be drawn up and construction of the first phase begun, possibly by the end of this year.

The party sat down to a traditional *manhal* sheltered from the scorching sun by a tent erected on a plateau at the western end of the valley, where a four-star hotel and clinic will one day stand. Meanwhile Bedouin women in the valley below gossiped at the water's edge, deprived by the closure of the site's only existing pool of a chance to bathe (unless fully clothed).

A little way upstream, at the foot of the most spectacular of Zarqa Ma'in's 59 springs, the Shalal (waterfall), men and boys enjoyed themselves under the cascading waters. Contrast in the social and religious backgrounds of the visitors, which will increase with the development of the spa, have heavily influenced the shaping of the complex's master plan, drawn up by a Swiss firm of consultants, Societe Generale pour l'Industrie, in a joint venture with a local firm, Mohammad Jar-

dach.

The visitors were briefed on this plan by Mr. Zuhdi Al Wawi, architect and manager of the Ministry of Tourism's projects investment department. Mr.



Some of Zarqa Ma'in's hundreds of daily visitors bathe in the hot mineral waters of the Shalal, most spectacular of all the springs situated in the middle of the gorge. A large public restaurant to accommodate all classes of visitors to Ma'in will be built opposite this waterfall and middle-high income recreational baths on a plateau above.

Wawi explained how the decision to develop Zarqa Ma'in was taken after thorough analysis by foreign experts of the mineral content of the water, whose temperature ranges from 30 to 60 C.

The extremely high concentration of salts, which renders the water unsuitable for drinking, can help cure a number of complaints such as rheumatism and joint pains, as well as chest and respiratory tract problems.

The complex, which is to cover an area of 60 hectares, will accommodate high, middle and low income visitors -- local, regional and foreign tourists who come either for recreational or health reasons, on short day trips or for stays of a week or more. It will be constructed in three phases, with the first phase accommodating the needs of day-trippers, the second phase the needs of those staying for a week or more, and the third phase the needs of those staying for a month or more. The spa's eventual aim is to attract income -- rather than population pressures on the site.

The less expensive facilities, which will be built in a landscaped central spine roughly following the course of the river, will include camp site and recreational bath, picnic areas and a public restaurant.

ant opposite the Shalal.

This phase, to be completed in two years, will cost JD 2.9 million and also include the necessary infrastructure such as upgrading the access road, fresh water supply and sewage system. In the second phase, which will cost JD 3.7 million and take about three years to complete, the major part of the complex will be built -- a four-star hotel to accommodate about 200 people, plus thermal clinic and a more expensive recreational bath sited on a plateau above the Shalal.



At Friday's gathering, Dr. Muwaffaq Al Fawwaz, the minister of tourism, listens to a briefing on the project. On his right sit his brother, Dr. Mohammad Ali Zu'bi and Mr. Anis Mousher, president of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature.

Great care is being taken not to disturb the scenic beauty of the area, but rather to enhance its present state, which has unfortunately deteriorated due to the present lack of organisation.



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U.S. dollar	297.50	295.50
U.K. sterling	634.40	648.40
West German mark	166.70	167.70
Swiss franc	179.70	180.80
French franc	71.40	71.80
Italian lire	35.30	35.50
Japanese yen	134.00	134.80
Dutch guilder	151.70	152.60
Swedish crown	70.80	71.20
Belgian franc	104.00	104.60

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TODAY'S WEATHER

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	14	32
Aqaba	21	37
Deserts	15	33
Jordan Valley	18	37

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Jordan Line and Silicate	JD 5,000	170	5,300	5,300	5,300
Arab Industries Co.	JD 1,000	2100	1,500	1,500	1,500
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	12206	1,550	1,510	1,550
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	75	2,000	2,000	2,000
Arab Bank	JD 1,000	63109	2,440	1,910	2,040
Arab Bank Co.	JD 10,000	65	100,000	100,000	100,000
Arab Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	820	4,000	4,000	4,400
Arab Al Shab	JD 1,000	450	0,950	0,950	0,950
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	128	3,230	3,230	3,230
Jordan General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	1000	1,460	1,450	1,460
Arabian Investment and International	JD 1,000	1500	1,050	1,000	1,050
Arab Trading Co. Ltd.	JD 5,000	110	26,500	26,500	26,500
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 1,000	900	1,300	1,290	1,290
Arab Company for Aluminium Industries	JD 1,000	2298	1,950	1,950	1,950
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	1800	1,010	1,000	1,000
International Construction and Investment	JD 10,000	271	19,500	19,500	19,500
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 1,000	2950	1,360	1,350	1,360
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N. Sea oil prices expected to increase

OSLO, May 23 (AP) — The price of North Sea oil is expected to increase to about \$40 a barrel during this summer and may reach \$50 a barrel by the end of 1980, compared with the present price of \$37.25, the Oslo newspaper Aftenposten reported yesterday.

Citing "petroleum industry experts" without naming them, the independent newspaper said the price of North Sea oil will continue to increase as long as the price of North African oil is raised. The steadily increasing oil prices, as well as the gas revenues, are now expected this year to bring a surplus to the Norwegian balance of payments for the first time.

The trade balance is expected to show a surplus of more than \$1.4 billion in 1980, according to the revised national budget put forward by the government. Only last autumn the government projected a deficit in the 1980 trade balance, and the new estimate means an increase of almost \$2 billion compared with previous calculations.

Venezuela seeks aid to finance oil imports

CARABALLEDA, Venezuela, May 24 (R) — Venezuela seeks help from Mexico to finance a programme designed to ease the burden of petroleum imports among fellow Central American and Caribbean states. Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins said yesterday. He told a ministerial conference on Latin American economic affairs that Venezuela already operated a special policy for the area.

Importers paid Venezuela in cash for part of their oil. The remainder was obtained on Venezuelan loans so that they could generate cash for use in developing domestic energy resources.

The president said the five year loans were at an annual interest rate of four per cent, but might be turned into 40-year loans at two per cent.

The programme cost Venezuela \$140 to \$160 million a year. Hence, its approach to the area's other major oil exporter, Mexico, for help in sharing the cost.

Hong Kong to merge stock exchanges

HONG KONG, May 24 (R) — Hong Kong's four stock exchanges will be merged soon into a single exchange, the commissioner for securities Mr. Uidein McLane announced today. He said a new company called the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong would be set up and ultimately become the only company legally entitled to undertake stock exchange business in Hong Kong.

Members of the existing exchanges would be eligible to apply for partly-paid shares in the new company entitling them to membership of the new exchange, he said.

Negotiations on premises for the exchange were expected to be concluded within six months, he said.

UAE raises gas prices to \$5.74

Abu Dhabi, May 24 (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has raised the price of its liquefied petroleum gas by 35 cents to \$5.75 per million British thermal units, Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba said today.

Dr. Oteiba told the official Emirates News Agency that the increase was backdated to May 1 and followed an increase in the UAE's crude oil price of \$2 barrel announced earlier this week. A barrel of UAE crude oil now costs \$31.65.

Oman may join oil price hike spiral

BAHRAIN, May 24 (R) — Oman is considering following its Gulf neighbours in raising the price of its crude oil by \$2 a barrel, the Gulf News Agency reported today.

The increase would preserve the differential average between the Omani and other Gulf crude,

the undersecretary of the minerals ministry, Mr. Salem Shaaban, said in a newspaper interview. A \$2 increase would raise the price of Omani crude to \$32.20 a barrel, making it the most expensive after the Iranian crude which costs \$35 a barrel.

Oman, though not a member of

the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has benefited from higher OPEC prices. The latest OPEC price rise started on May 14 when Saudi Arabia raised its crude prices by \$2 to 28 dollars a barrel, which is currently the lowest price on the international oil market.

Oman's daily oil production averages 300,000 barrels. But in the newspaper interview which was carried by the Gulf News Agency, Mr. Shaaban said that a reduction would rise to 350,000 barrels by the end of this year. This average would be maintained for five years.

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1980

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: An excellent day for you to study and decide what you want your relationships in the future to be with close ties and friends. Strive for more harmony with family members.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Contact associates and discuss policy matters for the future. Get a good rest tonight and renew your energies.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A good day to repay social favors to loyal friends. Engage in civic affairs and gain added prestige. Express happiness.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Use the early hours perfecting a creative talent you have. Relatives and friends can bring happiness later in the day.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can easily make the improvements at home that are needed. Use tact and diplomacy in pursuing personal aims.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Obtain the data that gives you a spiritual lift and help you plan the future better. Show special devotion to loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Do whatever will improve your environment and make it more comfortable and valuable. Take time for social relaxation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Go after personal aims that can bring you more happiness. Show that you have common sense in communicating with others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study the philosophy that can improve the quality of your life. Take it on tonight and restore your energies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Look to a good and understanding friend who is in a position to do you favor you need. Improve your appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Look over your environment early in the day and make changes that are needed. Be more understanding of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Fine day to become inspired and make progress in career and personal affairs. Show others that you are generous and kind.

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Japan joins boycott U.S., USSR each claim victory on games issue

LONDON, May 24 (R) — The Americans and the Russians were each claiming victory today as the hours ticked by to the deadline for joining or boycotting the Moscow Olympics.

But as the final headcount began, it seemed clear that President Carter's worldwide campaign to wreck the games to punish Moscow for its Afghanistan intervention had had strictly limited success.

At least 60 countries will boycott the games, according to the Americans. They say only 71 are certain to go to Moscow while the Russians say 102 have indicated they will attend.

Japan made an 11th-hour decision to join the boycott today, lining up with the United States, West Germany, Canada and China as the major powers snub-

bing the Soviet invitations. But virtually all the rest of Western Europe and other leading U.S. allies such as Australia will be represented in Moscow.

Countries have until midnight (Moscow time) tonight to decide and the final figures will be known when they are announced by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Lausanne, Switzerland on Tuesday.

But the official Soviet press declared today the number of countries attending was "overwhelming" and said the whole affair was a severe blow to President Carter's prestige.

Western sportsmen who resisted calls from their governments to back the boycott were hailed as heroes by the daily *Soviet Sports*.

It particularly mentioned Australian athletes, whose leaders voted yesterday to follow national Olympic committees in many other Western countries, including Britain, and defy government advice to stay away from Moscow.

Moscow newspapers have dismissed the boycott campaign as a miserable flop and the fact that many Western teams will be attending in defiance of their governments is a double bonus from the Soviet point of view.

Another reason for the Kremlin to feel pleased is that Western unity — over the games, at least — has collapsed without any Moscow concessions on Afghanistan. Soviet troops remain massed in that country, despite all Mr. Carter's efforts.

Moscow's earlier fears that the games might be turned into a local sporting event of the Warsaw Pact have vanished.

The Kremlin now believes that when the games open on July 19, it is the Americans who will be isolated from many of their allies, just as West Germany will be isolated from all its Common Market partners.

The State Department asserts that countries backing the boycott cover about half the eligible athletes and half the expected medal winners.

But the list of gold medal winners at the last Olympics in

Montreal in 1976, shows only the U.S. (with 34 golds), West Germany (ten), Japan (nine) and South Korea, Switzerland and Norway (one each) among the boycotters.

Some sports, however, will be worse hit in Moscow than appears from the tally of countries attending. This is because individual federations, notably equestrianism and sailing, are staging their own boycotts in some countries.

The decision today by Japan's Olympic committee to join the boycott was a major piece of last-minute good news for Mr. Carter.

The committee voted 29 to 13 at an emergency session to follow the advice of the government and the Japan amateur sports association and not go to Moscow.

About 17 other Asian nations have joined the boycott, including China. Chinese athletes would have been competing in the Olympics for the first time since 1952.

Many countries were expected to follow West Germany's lead when its Olympic chiefs finally came out for the boycott on May 15 after much agonising. But this seems not to have happened.

It did nothing to sway British athletes, and France continued to refuse to interfere with its sportsmen's decision to go.

The show of independence by athletes clearly embarrassed several governments, including that of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, just as the independent line of countries such as France embarrassed the Carter administration.

White House spokesman Jody Powell said yesterday Americans found it hard to understand why athletes from democratic countries were going to Moscow "while the Russians are out shooting schoolgirls in the streets of Kabul."

State Department spokesman Huddell Carter said the boycott had been "in any terms an extraordinary success."

A commentary by Natalia Zinovyeva carried by the Soviet news agency TASS said spokesman Carter "is obviously engaged in wishful thinking."

China's top defence official in U.S. today

WASHINGTON, May 24 (R) — China's most senior defence official arrives in the United States tomorrow on a major visit which follows his country's first successful intercontinental ballistic missile tests.

Pentagon officials said the ten-day visit by Vice-Premier Geng Biao was likely to produce results in the Chinese search for access to U.S. military technology.

Before Mr. Geng leaves Washington on Friday for a cross-country tour of defence establishments, the Carter

administration is expected to announce a decision to grant export licences for such items as computers and defensive radar systems with potential military uses.

But officials say there will be no change in the U.S. policy barring sales of actual weapons to Peking. The visit comes at a time when U.S. relations with the Soviet Union, China's arch-rival, are at the lowest ebb in many years.

Officials insist the visit is not a response to the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan last December but merely reciprocity for Defence Secretary Harold Brown's trip to China last January.

They also said they did not believe that Peking deliberately timed its first full-scale ICBM tests to come just before Mr. Geng's arrival in Washington.

But they said the demonstration that China was capable of hitting any part of the Soviet Union with nuclear warheads had clear symbolic meaning. It showed that China could be a valuable ally as the West confronts Soviet power in Asia and elsewhere.

It also made clear that despite the relative backwardness of China's military technology, Mr. Geng was not coming hat-in-hand to Washington.

An advance party headed by Mr. Liu Huaqing, vice-chief of the general staff, has been in the United States for more than two weeks, preparing for the visit and visiting plants producing high-technology items of interest to China.

W. Europe faces beetle invasion

WEST BERLIN, May 24 (R) — Western Europe faces invasion from the East — by a microscopic beetle that threatens asthma and has fever sufferers, according to scientists here.

The threat comes from the larvae of the beetle, whose Latin name is *Trogoderma angustum*. Originally a dweller in semi-desert areas, the beetle, only two millimetres long when full grown, enters houses through heating or air conditioning systems or even in food, scientists at West Berlin's Free University said.

But the invasion is slow. The beetle reached Stettin in East Prussia (now Szczecin in Poland) before the Second World War and

has only recently penetrated West Germany where it has been sighted in Hamburg.

But in West Berlin, deep inside East Germany, every second household has its quota of the flying insects which now rank behind only dust and mites as the greatest cause of respiratory allergies in humans, the scientists said.

The beetles eat every kind of human food as well as wallpaper paste and dead flies.

Research workers at the university are coordinating their hunt for a counteragent to the allergy with scientists of the West German Land and Forestry Bureau and Utrecht University Hospital in the Netherlands.

S. Korea revolt appears doomed

KWANGJU, South Korea, May 24 (R) — The Kwangju city insurrection appeared doomed today with the approach of the South Korean army and splits in the ranks of the rebels over what to do next.

Tanks and other armoured vehicles entered the city for the first time and, supported by infantry, parked across the main boulevard only two kilometres from the city centre.

The army's advance into the city came as rebel sources reported division within their own ranks over how to respond to the tanks and troops.

The sources told Reuters that students were advocating a tough line while the majority of citizens wanted an accommodation with the martial law authorities.

The sources said the students were refusing to hand over their captured weapons to citizens' committees, but were sticking them for redistribution in case of an army attack.

The citizens committee is gathering the rifles, pistols and machineguns for surrender, but was pressing for a common Kwangju stance in continuing talks with martial law commander General Lee Hui-sung.

Thousands of people gathered in front of the provincial government building today to discuss the lack of unity among the 800,000 people swept up in the rebellion.

The citizens committee has demanded the resignation of President Choi Kyu-hah and army strongman Lieutenant-General Chun Doo-hwan. Both demands have been rejected by the army, although it has offered to pay compensation for the more than 100 people killed by troops during demonstrations earlier this week.

Authoritative sources in Seoul said that Kim Jae-kyu, the confessed assassin of South Korean President Park Chung-hee, was hanged today.

Four Korean Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA) men sentenced to death for their involvement in the assassination were also executed, the sources said. Mr. Kim was director of the KCIA when he shot President Park last October.

In Kwangju, the army appealed to the rebels to hand over the 3,600 guns it believes are in the hands of militants in the city. Soldiers with loudhailers positioned by barbed wire in front of the tanks urged rebels on the other side of a street barricade to toss their guns over the barriers.

South Africa police arrest 70 students

JOHANNESBURG, May 24 (Agencies) — Police baton-charged a crowd of about 4,000 mainly coloured (mixed race) students in the centre of Cape Town today, arresting 70 of them.

The march was called by coloured student leaders in the Cape yesterday as part of the country-wide protest against South Africa's racially separated education system.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said about 4,000 demonstrators clapped and chanted as police closed off a main street in central Cape Town. Traffic was halted

and some shop windows were smashed, he added.

"They were repeatedly warned to disperse but they refused so the police charged them with batons," he said.

The spokesman said some demonstrators were hurt by batons and in the rush to get away. The situation was now peaceful, he said.

The classroom boycott, which seemed to be petering out last week, flared up again yesterday in Bloemfontein in the Orange Free State.

Since it began early last month,

coloured schools throughout the country have been affected. The protest spread to a number of universities and some black schools.

A black teenager died in the violence in Bloemfontein and a white man was badly beaten up as police sealed off a township and children set cars and buildings on fire.

The police spokesman said the situation was now quiet and the main roads into the township had been reopened.

Minister of Coloured Relations Marais Steyn today warned students of return to class on Monday or face disciplinary measures. He did not elaborate.

Police today released Mr. Curtis Nkondo, a key black leader, but immediately placed a banning order on him. The three-year order prohibits Mr. Nkondo from teaching, entering any school, attending any meetings or social gatherings or entering all but two black townships in this white-minority ruled country.

Mr. Nkondo, 52, a founder of the recently formed Azanian People's Organisation (AZAPO), had been arrested a month ago after a speech in which he urged all students to support a school boycott by mixed race children.

AZAPO was one of several black consciousness groups formed last year to further the aims of black nationalism.

U.S. Congress ready to consider final approval of balanced federal budget

WASHINGTON, May 24 (R) — The United States Congress is ready to consider final approval of a balanced government budget which is both an election year political document and a blueprint for spending in the 1980s.

The United States could have the first budget in balance or in surplus since 1969, when receipts exceeded spending by \$3.2 billion. However, passage of the budget bill is far from certain.

The current plan for the 1981 financial year beginning Oct. 1 would expect \$613.3 billion and leave a \$500 million surplus, very different from the one President Carter proposed in January calling for \$15.8 billion in deficit spending.

The budget was shaped last week by negotiators from the House of Representatives and Senate, working on different versions of a bill passed earlier by the two chambers.

The budget provides defence spending increases of \$18 billion beyond current spending, partly in response to the Soviet move into Afghanistan and the turmoil and uncertainty in Iran and the Gulf.

To make room for both defence increases and a balanced budget, many social programmes that date from President Lyndon Johnson's "great society" legislation of the 1960s have been cut back.

Watergate tapes to be opened to public

WASHINGTON, May 24 (R) — Almost six years after President Richard Nixon was forced from office in disgrace, the tapes of White House conversations which helped to break the Watergate scandal are to be opened to the public.

The National Archives and Records Service, which received copies of the 31 tape recordings in 1978 from the U.S. district court in Washington, said the public can listen to the tapes without charge from next Wednesday.

Thirty of the recordings of conversations between President Nixon and top aides in his Republican administration were played at the Watergate cover-up trial.

In that case, former attorney general John Mitchell and Nixon aides John Ehrlichman and H.R. (Bob) Haldeman were jailed for covering up the June 1972 break-in at Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate office complex.

Mr. Nixon was named as a co-conspirator in the Watergate cover-up trial but was never tried because he was pardoned in September 1974, a month after he resigned, by President Gerald Ford.

Under the listening plan announced by the National Archives, anyone wanting to hear the tape recordings has to get a ticket for the twice-daily sessions.

The tapes will be played in the order in which they were heard in court. The total playing time will span 12.5 hours.

The National Archives said it had not received any protests to jailing of the tapes. It said on April 21 that it intended to play the tapes unless there were any protests within the next 30 days.

World New Briefs

DACCA, Bangladesh, May 24 (R) — Bangladesh opposition leader Khondoker Mushtaq Ahmed today accused President Ziaur Rahman of being behind an attempt to assassinate him at a police station yesterday. Seven people were killed and 90 wounded when bombs exploded at the rally in Dhaka's Mukarram Square. Mushtaq, president of Bangladesh for a short period, escaped unhurt. Mr. Mushtaq told journalists today that Zia had engaged agents "to remove me from the way (of power)." The former president said the blasts at a Democratic Party rally were a "naked expression of hoodlums by the government." President Zia has condemned the incident.

NEW DELHI, May 24 (R) — Massive anti-Soviet demonstrations were held in Kabul today and firing was heard from several parts of the city, travellers arriving here from the Afghan capital. Thousands of people protesting against Soviet presence in Afghanistan also demonstrated yesterday and seven people were killed when Afghan soldiers opened fire on the demonstrators. A businessman said, "I cannot vouch for the killings. I did not see it," he said. Thousands of girls and boys chanting "Ziaur Rahman" and "Ziaur Rahman" marched through the streets today and many of the roads leading to the airport were closed. "The crowds were really big. I would say 'thousands' understatement," another traveller said.

NEW DELHI, May 24 (R) — A strike in India's northeastern state continued to paralyse work in government offices and in the fourth day today as the central government tried to dialogue with students spearheading the campaign. The strike due to continue until next Thursday, was organised by the students to demand the evacuation of immigrants who arrived in Assam before 1951. The Press Trust of India (PTI) said the government had offered to release detained students of the agitation and withdraw a preventive detention law if it agreed to suspend their campaign. Student leaders said they prepared to reopen a dialogue with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Mrs. Gandhi has offered to fix 1971 as the cut-off year after which all immigrants in Assam, mostly from Nepal, Bangladesh, would be considered illegal but student leaders in 1951 as the cut-off year. Yesterday it was announced that Gandhi would discuss the Assam situation with opposition leaders at an all-party meeting next Saturday. More than 80 people were killed during eight months of agitation over the immigrant Assam.

MADRID, May 24 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter will state visit to Spain on June 25-26 at the invitation of King Juan Carlos. The Spanish foreign ministry announced today. A communique the trip was in response to the king's visit to the United States in 1978. It gave no details of what would be Mr. Carter's first trip since becoming president. Mr. Carter is scheduled to visit Europe in late June to visit Pope John Paul II at the Vatican and attend a summit meeting in Venice of leaders of the world's industrialised nations. There has been speculation he also will visit Yugoslavia during that trip.

LONDON, May 24 (R) — A solicitor walked into a London shop this week and placed a wager that made hardened risk takers forget all those losing favourites. He produced £100,000 betted at odds of 100-1 on the proposition that an alien extraterrestrial life form capable of communication would crash on earth, alive or dead, by midnight on May 22, 1981. Mr. Pollard, betting chief of the big bookmakers Ladbrokes, accepted the bet and worked out the wording, told Reuters the solicitor won his bet. Ladbrokes would try to get a man from space to present the cheque. The solicitor, who Ladbrokes named to name, told Mr. Pollard he was placing the bet for an American with an interest in futurology.

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